

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Laura Smith Tidwell on the occasion of his recognition in the Star Spangled Salute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Laura Smith Tidwell, who will be honored at the Star Spangled Salute on March 8, 2007, an honor most befitting such an outstanding and accomplished Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the Star Spangled Salute is an annual event which recognizes individuals for their extensive community involvement and personal interest in and support of the Donelson Station Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in her community and her profession, Laura Smith Tidwell has served as the Director of Corporate Affairs for the Nashville Electric Service (NES) since 2001; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Florida with her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1989, Mrs. Tidwell went on to earn her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida College of Law in 1992; she has been with the NES since 1993, when she was hired as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mrs. Tidwell is a member of the Nashville Area, Donelson-Hermitage, and Brentwood Chambers of Commerce; she is also a member of the Nashville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant, Mrs. Tidwell lends her time and remarkable talents to many worthy organizations, including the Big Brothers of Nashville, Inc., of which she

is the President-Elect; Women Numbers (WIN); the Nashville Bar Association; the American Heart Association of Greater Nashville; the Alcohol and Drug Council of Middle Tennessee, for which she serves as a Board Member; Senior Citizens, Inc., for which she serves as a Board Member; Leadership Donelson-Hermitage; the Nashville Women's Political Caucus, and countless more; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Laura Smith Tidwell was named Nashvillian of the Year by Easter Seals; and

WHEREAS, her professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mrs. Tidwell is most grateful for the love and support she has received from her husband, Shawn, and her stepson, Conner; and

WHEREAS, Laura Tidwell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud her for her dedication to her chosen profession, her community, and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Laura Smith Tidwell upon the occasion of her being honored in the Star Spangled Salute, express to her our deepest gratitude for her meritorious service to Donelson Station Senior Center, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.